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JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 07, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported): March 7, 2005

Johnson Outdoors Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin

0-16255

39-1536083

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

555 Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53403

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(262) 631-6600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 7, 2005, Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the Company) issued a press release (the Press Release) announcing that it has mailed a letter to shareholders of the Company respecting the Agreement and Plan of Merger providing for the merger of JO Acquisition Corp., a Wisconsin corporation, with and into the Company. Under the terms of the proposed merger, public shareholders of Johnson Outdoors would receive cash for their shares, and the members of the Johnson family would acquire 100% ownership of Johnson Outdoors. A copy of the Press Release is being furnished as Exhibit 99 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99 Press Release Dated March 7, 2005.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.**

Date: March 7, 2005

By: /s/ Paul A. Lehmann  
Paul A. Lehmann

Its: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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99 Press Release Dated March 7, 2005.